

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Claim Objections

Examiner objected to claim 27. Claims 27 has been amended.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 16, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 29, 30, 34, 35, 38 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,473,199 (hereinafter "Murakami").

Examiner rejected claims 26, 27, 36, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,829,289 (hereinafter "Tokuno").

To anticipate a claims, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Applicant's independent claims 16, 24, and 34 include limitations not disclosed nor suggested by Murakami. As a result, Murakami does not anticipate applicant's independent claims 16, 24, and 34.

In particular, applicant's independent claims include the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of:

. . . the mold cap having a plurality of extensions extending into separate corner sections of the substrate *without extending to a corner edge of the substrate.* (emphasis added). (Applicant's amended claim 1).

Murakami *clearly* does not disclose mold cap that does not extend to a corner edge of the substrate. The mold cap disclosed in Murakami **does extend to covers all corners of the substrate.** As stated in the summary of Murakami:

The connecting parts 13 are provided **at the four outer corner parts** of the resin package 14 because the leads 15 are provided at the outer peripheral part of the resin package excluding the four outer corner parts. (Murakami col. 3, lines 49-64).

Murakami discloses extensions (13 of Murakami) that extend in to the corner sections of the substrate – the opposite of what applicant has claimed. The reason, as stated in Muraki is because the leads on the resin 14 are on the peripheral excluding the 4 outer corners of the resin. As a result, Murakami does not anticipate applicant's independent claims 16, 24, and 34.

In addition, the remaining claims depend from one of independent claims 16, 24, and 34, and therefore include the distinguishing claim limitations of claims 16, 24, and 34, as discussed above. As a result, the remaining claims are also not anticipated by Murakami.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

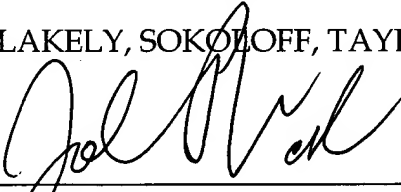
Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

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